

Our Mission:

*The mission of the Noxious Weeds Department is to control and eradicate noxious weeds on all property within Sedgwick County as required by state law (K.S.A. 2-1318.) To achieve this, the department provides unbiased information to the public on vegetation control based on proven techniques and products. Also, the department designs and implements an in-depth, integrated vegetation management program on county roadsides and properties.*

**GOAL #1: All personnel will qualify with the Kansas State Department of Agriculture as a commercial pesticide applicator within six months of employment and will maintain that certification during their employment with the Noxious Weeds Department.**

Objective: Commercial applicator certification qualifies personnel to: apply restricted pesticides without constant contact with other licensed applicators; and receive and handle restricted pesticides.

Performance Measure	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Projected	FY 2000 Estimated
Number of personnel certified	5 (83%)	6 (100%)	6 (100%)

**GOAL #2: To continue a training program through the year 2000. At the conclusion of the training program, participants will be able to correctly identify ten native to Kansas, perennial grass species and all common pasture weeds.**

Objective: Plant identification allows the pesticide applicator to better determine the suitability of herbicides at specific locations. Misidentification of plant species can cause problems with herbicide resistance and can result in poor vegetation control and/or damage to existing desirable vegetation.

Performance Measure	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Projected	FY 2000 Estimated
Number of plant species learned	10 (40%)	15 (60%)	25 (100%)*

\* Percentage of common species

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**GOAL #3: To provide prompt service.**

Objective: To respond to citizen inquiries on vegetation control within two working days.

Performance Measure	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Projected	FY 2000 Estimated
Percentage of responses completed in two working days	n/a	100%	100%

**GOAL #4: To inform the public about the noxious weed program.**

Objective: Will disseminate noxious weed information to 40,000 Sedgwick County citizens each year through trade shows, public service announcements and personal contact.

Performance Measure	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Projected	FY 2000 Estimated
Number of contacts made	40,000	41,500	44,000

**GOAL #5: Will contact all Conservation Reserve Program property owners and inspect acreage for Sericea lespedeza.**

Objective: As a minor noxious weed infestation in this country, it is imperative that all property owners are aware of this weed and ready to start control measures.

Performance Measure	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Projected	FY 2000 Estimated
Percentage of property owners contacted	10%	100%	100%

**GOAL #6: Encourage noxious weed control in the private sector by example.**

Objective: To treat 100% of all noxious weed infestations on all county properties and rights of way.

Performance Measure	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Projected	FY 2000 Estimated
Acres treated	248	248	248

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Budget Highlights:

The 2000 Noxious Weeds budget increased \$44,237 from the 1999 budget due to growing personnel expense reflecting the addition of benefit costs to department budgets and a 3% general salary increase for all County employees. Both contractual and commodity expenditures have been reduced for the year 2000.

Department Recap (2019):

	1998 Actual	1999 Revised	2000 Adopted	1999-2000 % Change
Personnel	181,827	191,447	272,745	42.5
Contractual Services	14,013	18,465	17,230	- 6.7
Commodities	148,879	150,800	143,028	- 5.2
Interfund Expenditure	123,736	100,283	72,229	- 28.0
<b>Total Department</b>	<b>468,455</b>	<b>460,995</b>	<b>505,232</b>	<b>9.6</b>

Staffing Detail:

Code	Classification	Range	1999 FTE	2000 FTE	Adopted Budget
KKK	Noxious Weeds Director	25	1.0	1.0	58,903
KKL	Senior Herbicide Applicator	18	1.0	1.0	33,466
KKM	Herbicide Applicator	16	3.0	3.0	79,997
KDK	Fiscal Associate	16	1.0	1.0	27,031
Direct Employee Totals			6.0	6.0	199,397
Longevity					2,940
Benefits					70,408
Total Personnel Cost					272,745

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Noxious Weeds Fund Revenues:

	1998 Actual	1999 Revised	2000 Adopted
Taxes	338,846	337,946	374,425
Charges for Services	11,532	11,500	11,500
Reimbursements	92,251	83,000	95,000
Subtotal Current Revenue	442,629	432,446	480,925
Unrestricted Unenc. Cash	28,552	24,307	0
Restricted Unenc. Cash	50,137	28,549	24,307
Total Receipts	521,318	485,302	505,232